

Spring 2018



**Branch 627**  
**GREELY & DISTRICT**  
**NEWSLETTER**

[www.greelylegion.ca](http://www.greelylegion.ca)

**President's Message**

As May is here we are thinking of the Branch elections. I want to remind you that it is very important that you attend the May General Meeting, which will be held on Monday May 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00pm in the Legion Lounge. The Zone Commander will be supplying 3 Legion members from other Branches to officiate our elections. We will need to fill the following positions: President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President, 3<sup>rd</sup> Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Sergeant-at-arms and 6 executive committee members. We require 13 Greely Legion members, in good standing, to take a position on the Board. *These positions must be filled!* We are pleased to have your ideas for events and promotion of the Greely Legion – Branch 627. Thank you for supporting the Executive during the past term and looking forward to 2018 – 2019. See you May 28<sup>th</sup>.

*Comrade Linda Wyman, President*

## Poppy Campaign

Having received approval from Command, our Branch will distribute monies from the Poppy fund at the June general meeting. The distribution of funds was discussed and voted on at a past general meeting. Recipients will include: Winchester & District Memorial Hospital, Perley & Rideau Veterans' Health, Eastern Ottawa Resource Centre, Rural Ottawa South Support Services, Osgoode Care Centre, the Ottawa Service Bureau Assistance Fund and Leave The Streets Behind (a Royal Canadian Legion initiative for homeless veterans). We will also award prizes to the Royal Canadian Legion's Poster and Essay Contest winners from the Greely Legion – Branch #627.

The June General meeting will be our last meeting before the summer break as we do not hold general meetings during the summer. General meetings will resume in September.

## Membership Report

Our membership stands as follows: we have 6 life members; 46 members have paid their 2018 dues; and 8 members from 2017 have not yet paid their membership dues. This is a reminder that if you are not a member in good standing, Dominion Command will not allow you to receive any perks from any of their Partners, nor can you play in any of the Zone or District games, whether it be Euchre, Horseshoes, Golf, etc. The Royal Canadian Legion's Exclusive Member Benefits Package Partners are:

- Arbor Memorial (Funeral Homes) 1-877-301-8066;
- Canadian Safe Step Walk-in Tubs (Safe & Comfortable bathing for those affected by mobility issues) 1-800-668-5806;
- Carlson Wagonlit Travel (Special Vacation Club offers for Legion Members) 1-800-227-5766;
- Hearing Life 1-855-566-0036;
- IRIS Eyewear – Eye Examinations (Exclusive offers to Legion members) 1-800-663-3937 Ext 224;
- Medipac (Protecting experienced travellers) 1-888-939-0001;
- Revera Inc. (Retirement Living) 1-855-929-9777;
- Simply Connect (Mobile wireless service) 1-844-483-2285; and
- MBNA Canada Bank (MBNA Legion Mastercard) 1-800-416-6345.

All telephone numbers are toll free.

*Comrade Gerald Velthuis, Membership Chair*

## From the Service Officer

The Service Officer is here to provide assistance to Veterans, members of the Canadian Armed Forces, RCMP, and their families. I have helped with the completion of claim forms and requests to Veteran Affairs Canada through Command Service Office for pensions, hearing aids, dentures. If you or anyone you know requires assistance, please phone me (Bruce Sherritt) at **613-822-1705** or email me at: **bruce\_sherritt@rogers.com**. Remember: If we miss one Vet who requires help, we have missed one too many.

*Comrade Bruce Sherritt, Service Officer*

## Youth Education

Legions believe educating our youth on the high cost of their freedom is one of our most important roles in Ontario today. We must impress upon young people who have never known war, that freedom was won at the cost of many lives; young lives like their own. Our annual poster, literary and essay contests with a Remembrance theme, help focus the attention of the participants on those who gave all for the freedom we enjoy.<sup>1</sup>

The entries we received from area schools have been judged. This year, we received entries from schools: Robert Bateman Public School, Thomas Moore Public School and Vimy Ridge Public School. The winners of 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place will be presented their certificates and prize money at our June General Meeting. Everyone is invited to attend.

## Euchre Tournaments

Our monthly Euchre tournaments have become very popular - attracting people from across the Ottawa Valley.

**March's** winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> prizes with 84 points were split between Marg Clarmo and Judy Anderson. 3<sup>rd</sup> prize with 80 points was John Penelton. Other prizes went to Deborah Pateneaud and Shirley Beardsell.

**April's** winners were: 1<sup>st</sup> prize with 83 points was Frances Brind'Amour; 2<sup>nd</sup> prize with 81 points was Roy Coughler; 3<sup>rd</sup> prize with 78 points was John Vanzeland. Other prize winners were Peter Grenon and Sophie Paquette.

The next tournament is May 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. A light lunch will be served and play starts at 1:00 pm sharp. The cost is \$15.00 for 8 games, which includes your lunch.

## St. Patrick's Day



We had a great turnout for our St. Patrick's Day party. Being on a Saturday, the party went from 3:00 pm to 9:00 pm. There were lots of musicians and singers and a great crowd for dancing. Supper was a traditional, delicious Irish stew. The dress-ups were terrific as well.

Please feel free to join us next year if you didn't attend this year.

## From Dominion Command

source: <http://www.legion.ca/remembrance/promoting-remembrance/national-memorial-ride>

### Ride to remember those who sacrificed



The National Memorial Ride is an event that brings together motorcycle enthusiasts and supporters to remember and commemorate Canada's Fallen Veterans. Held annually on the first Sunday in June, riders join a motorcycle procession through Ottawa to the National Military Cemetery at Beechwood, where they participate in a Service of Remembrance and wreath laying ceremony to commemorate Canada's Fallen military servicemen and women. This event offers a unique opportunity for riders to share their pride in Canada's Veterans and honour those who served their country.

**The 2018 National Memorial Ride is held on Sunday, June 3 in Ottawa**

Registration is open to Veterans and non-Veterans, motorcycle enthusiasts and supporters who wish to come out to honour and remember Canada's Fallen Veterans. For more information or to register:

<http://www.legion.ca/remembrance/promoting-remembrance/national-memorial-ride/register-to-participate>

## From Provincial Command

source: <http://www.on.legion.ca/veterans-seniors/senior-resources>

### Senior Programs

Programs for seniors has been an important contribution made by Legion branches in Ontario for many years. Legion Seniors Programs focus on many areas including social activities, health support and education, sports and competition, housing, transportation, and support for seniors in their home. Helping seniors to stay active is an important facet of Legion's goal to help seniors enjoy their later years in health and happiness. Programs run by Ontario Command branches become valued social outlets for seniors to interact with those of their own age group.

Legion sponsored sports and competitive programs allow those seniors who like to test their skills against others, an opportunity to compete against those from their own age groups in activities geared to their abilities.

These programs become that much more important as Ontario's population ages.

### Transporting The Disabled:

Did you know that if you meet the eligibility criteria, a refund of Ontario Sales Tax (RST) paid is available on certain licensed motor vehicles purchased or leased on a long-term basis (at least 12 months) for the purpose of transporting a person with a permanent physical disability?

For more information visit your local Ministry of Transportation office and ask for Retail Sales Tax Guide 701.

# Greely Legion 11th Annual Country Music Festival

**Thursday July 26 - Sunday July 29**

## Ticket Prices

### Weekend Pass

Campers/Walk-in

s - Advance \$55.00 / person

Campers - At the gate \$60.00 / person

### Day Pass

Thursday \$10.00 / person

Friday \$25.00 / person

Friday after 5:00 pm \$15.00 / person

Saturday \$25.00 / person

Saturday after 5:00 pm \$15.00 / person

(Prices include HST)

Children under 12

FREE

(with adult)

## Advance Ticket Sales

*Ends Sunday, July 22nd - 8:00 pm*

Linda Wyman (Greely) (613) 822-0233

Doreen Gowdy (Ottawa) (613) 726-7341

Naismith Sports Bar (Almonte) (613) 256-6336

Doris Cleary (Plantagenet) (613) 673-5142

Arlene Preston (Osgoode) (613) 826-6128

## For more information:

Phone: (613) 822-1451/ (613) 822-0233

Email: greelylegion-627@hotmail.com

Website: www.greelylegion.ca

## Recurring Events

### Tuesday Dance Party

Our Branch hosts live music on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>

**Tuesday** of each month from 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

Bring along an instrument to play, or come in to sing, listen and dance. Admission is FREE. *Dates:*

*May 1<sup>st</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>, June 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup>, July 3<sup>rd</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>,*

*August 7<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>.*

### Euchre

Just for fun. Every Wednesday 7:00pm. \$5.00 for 8 games.

### Euchre Tournaments

\$15.00 for 8 games and a light lunch, prizes. *Dates:* *May 12<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, July 14<sup>th</sup> and August 11<sup>th</sup>.*

### Friday Night Music & Dance Club

The Greely Legion holds a Friday Night Music and Dance Club, the fourth Friday of each month from 7:30 – 11:30 pm. Admission is FREE. *Dates:* *May 25<sup>th</sup>, June 22<sup>nd</sup> and, August 24<sup>th</sup>.* The Friday Night Music & Dance club will not be held in July due to our Country Music Festival.

## Hall Rentals

- **Small hall/Lounge** – holds up to 100 people
- **Large hall/Gymnasium** – holds up to 400 people
- **Commercial Kitchen**
  - Fully equipped
  - City of Ottawa inspected
- **Handicap-accessible washroom**
- **Large parking lot**
- **Well-maintained grounds**
- **Large covered outdoor stage**
- **Paved dance floor in parking lot**
- **Horseshoe pits**
- **Outdoor barbeque**
- **Covered outdoor deck**

## Bar Hours:

**1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday** 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

**Wednesday:** 7:00 pm – Closing

**Saturday:** 1:00 pm – Closing

**Other times as requested.**

For any questions, contact:

Linda Wyman: 613-822-1451 or 613-822-0233

## Our Legion Executive Committee

President:	Comrade Linda Wyman
Past President:	Comrade Ivan Wyman
1st Vice President & Bar Officer:	Comrade Arlene Preston
2nd Vice President & Sports Officer:	Comrade Terry Declare
3rd Vice President & Public Relations:	Comrade Melanie Richard
Treasurer:	Comrade Jim Heatlie
Secretary:	Comrade Sheila Tompkins
Service Officer & Sergeant at Arms:	Comrade Bruce Sherritt
Entertainment & Property:	Comrade Paul Gallant
Membership:	Comrade Gerald Velthuis
Ways and Means:	Comrade Toni Westra
Sick & Visiting:	Comrade Earl Declare



# BRANCH ELECTIONS

## MAY 28th, 2018

**Success of the Branch  
Depends on Your Involvement!**

# Greely & District Legion Schedule

## MAY

<b>Tues. May 1</b>	<b>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Legion Music &amp; Dancing</b>
Fri. May 4	4:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Gym – Metcalfe Nursery School Sale
Sat. May 5	9:00 am – 1:00 pm	Gym – Metcalfe Nursery School Sale
<b>Sat. May 12</b>	<b>12:00 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Euchre Tournament</b>
Sat. May 12	5:00 pm – 1:00 am	Lounge – Rental
<b>Mon. May 14</b>	<b>7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Executive Meeting</b>
<b>Tues. May 15</b>	<b>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Legion Music &amp; Dancing</b>
<b>Fri. May 25</b>	<b>7:30 pm – 11:00 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Dance Night</b>
Sat. May 26	10:00 am – 4:40 pm	Gym – Tri County Auction
Sun. May 27	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lounge – Rental
<b>Mon. May 28</b>	<b>7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – General Meeting - <i>Branch Elections</i></b>
Thurs. May 31	3:00 pm – 10:00 pm	Gym – Rental

## JUNE

<b>Sat. June 2</b>	<b>12:00 pm – 4:30 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Euchre Tournament</b>
<b>Tues. June 5</b>	<b>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Legion Music &amp; Dancing</b>
<b>Mon. June 11</b>	<b>7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Executive Meeting</b>
Sat. June 16	6:00 pm -	Gym – Rental
<b>Mon. June 18</b>	<b>7:00 pm – 8:30 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – General Meeting</b>
<b>Tues. June 19</b>	<b>1:00 pm – 4:00 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Legion Music &amp; Dancing</b>
<b>Fri. June 22</b>	<b>7:30 pm – 11:00 pm</b>	<b>Lounge – Dance Night</b>
Sun. June 24	10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Gym – NAVAL BREAKFAST
Sun. June 24	6:00 pm – 9:00 pm	Lounge – Rental

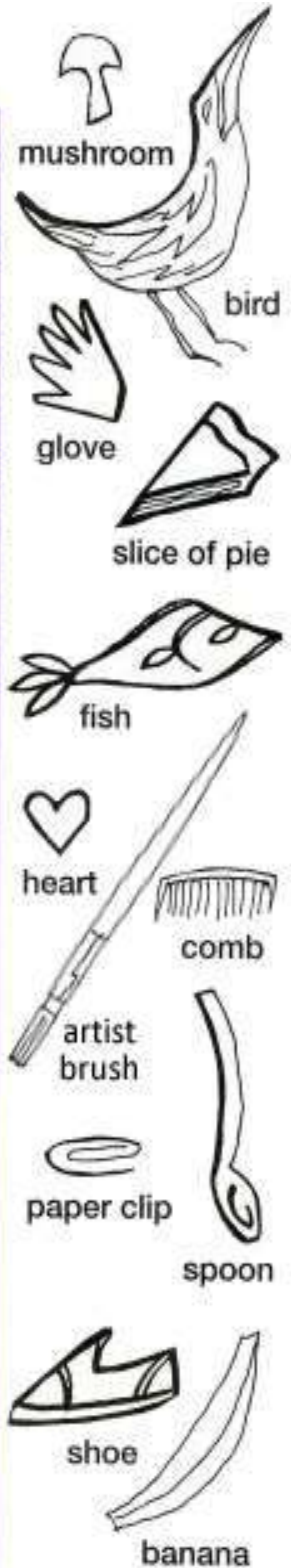
## July

**Thursday July 26<sup>th</sup> – Sunday July 29<sup>th</sup> - Greely Legion Country Music Festival**

Bold listings are Legion sponsored activities - everyone is welcome! Dates & Activities are subject to change.

***Please consider volunteering to help with the bartending, catering and cleaning.  
Many hands lighten the job for all!!***

# Find the Hidden Objects in the Picture



## From The Editor

I hope you enjoy this issue of the Greely Legion's Quarterly newsletter. The newsletter is looking for stories – military or other, humour, or suggestions on what you would like to see in your newsletter. Please email suggestions to [contact@greelylegion.ca](mailto:contact@greelylegion.ca) or bring them to the attention of any Executive member the next time you are at the Greely Legion.